

Cambria and Indiana Railroad, Car and Wheel Shops
.25 miles NW of Colver
Colver Vicinity
Cambria County
Pennsylvania

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Location: .25 miles Northwest of Colver, Colver Vicinity, Cambria County, Pennsylvania

USGS Quad: Colver, Pennsylvania (1:24000)
UTM: 17 E.686240 N.4490320

Date of Construction: ca. 1920

Builder: Ebensburg Coal Company, a subsidiary of Coleman & Weaver Company

Present Owner: Bethlehem Steel

Present Use: Repairs

Significance: The Car and Wheel Shops are part of a larger rail yard and shop complex built in the late 1910s by the Cambria & Indiana Railroad, captive railroad of the Ebensburg Coal Company. This company was one of the top ten coal producers in Cambria County in the late 1910s and 1920s.

Project Information: In February 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Blair and Cambria counties as the first step in identifying the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

The results of this project have been published in Blair County and Cambria County, Pennsylvania: An Inventory of Historic Engineering and Industrial Sites (1990), edited by Gray Fitzsimons and produced by HABS/HAER for the National Park Service.

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History: Erected about 1920, this brick building contains steel roof trusses and a concrete floor. Adjoining the Car Shop is a recently constructed Butler building which houses the Wheel Shop.